

# Number Snacks

Snack time is a lot more appealing than math time. Help increase the appeal by combining the two and help your preschooler work get to know numbers a little better. All you need are crackers, hazelnut spread and dried cranberries to get started.

## What You Need:

- A plate
- A butter knife
- A small bowl
- Toothpick
- Dried cranberries
- Crackers
- Hazelnut spread
- Index cards
- Pen

Safety note: Hazelnut spread is used in this activity. It will not be safe for a child who has tree nut allergies. If necessary, substitute cream cheese for the hazelnut spread.

## What to Do:

1. Before you get your child involved, count out ten index cards. On one side of the first card, write one. On back of this card, draw a 1. Do the same thing for the numbers 2 through 10. Shuffle the cards and put them in a stack with the written names for the numbers facing up.
2. Put the dried cranberries in the bowl while you explain to your child that he is going to make his own snack.
3. Have him smear hazelnut spread on 10 crackers.
4. Now, have him draw the top card in the stack. If necessary, help him read the number.
5. Have him use the toothpick to draw that number on one of the crackers. Did he get it right? If not, smooth out the hazelnut spread and have him look on the back of the card before trying again.
6. When he gets it right, have him take another card and repeat.
7. When he has drawn all ten numbers, each on its own cracker, have him put the crackers in order. Help as needed.
8. When the crackers are in order, help him top his hand written numbers with dried cranberries. Now it's time to eat!

